

Brian R. Detter



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Mr. Brian R. Detter is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Warfare, where he has been assigned since August 2009.

He serves as principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN(RD&A))) on matters relating to the development and acquisition of expeditionary capabilities. His portfolio includes most of the U.S. Marine Corps programs, including amphibious assault vehicles, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected and other tactical-wheeled combat and combat-support vehicles, tanks, ground-based radars, command and control, artillery, body armor and other expeditionary systems. His portfolio also encompasses improvised explosive device countermeasures and biometrics.

Mr. Detter also monitors and advises ASN(RD&A) on many naval science and technology programs, including Joint Capability Technology Demonstrations, the Technology Oversight Group, and the department's annual Science and Engineering awards. He is responsible for monitoring all Department urgent needs and other programs designed to respond rapidly to emerging requirements of deployed marines and sailors.

Additionally, Mr. Detter is responsible for setting policy for the department's marine mammals program.

Mr. Detter has substantial experience in defense R&D programs, program management and government contracting. Prior to his appointment, for more than a dozen years he was CEO of Detter and Associates, LLC, a technology consulting firm providing innovation, services and solutions to the Department of Defense, other federal agencies and the private sector. His work involved program management, R&D and acquisition for emerging medical technologies, fire suppression, littoral systems, port security, biometrics, C4ISR, CBRN response and sensors, UAVs, logistics and other programs.

Mr. Detter has previously held several senior positions in the executive branch and in Congress. He served as military legislative aide to a member of Congress, and worked as communications director to a U.S. Senator. He also worked for the State Department, both overseas in Saudi Arabia and in Washington; and was an analyst in the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Congressional Research Service, working on defense budget and other matters.

He has served as member of the Army Science Board, and worked for the Transportation Institute, a merchant marine trade association serving U.S.-flagged carriers.

He is active in his local community and has worked on numerous charitable causes. Originally from Madison, Wisconsin, he is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received a bachelor's of arts degree with a double major in political science and journalism.